

Andover August 2^d 1833-

My Dear Brother,

I have understood that something has been said to you relative to your delivering an Anti Slavery address in this place. I should be happy to see you in Andover, but should rather see you on almost any other ground. I think if you could foresee the circumstances in which you would deliver such an address here, you could not wish to be placed in them. There has been here, what has been considered, an attempt to connect the discussion of this subject with sectarianism. And some Congregational brethren, have already taken a course, which has appeared altogether inconsistent, with those covenant engagements which bind us, as Congregationalists, to each other & to the Kingdom of Christ. I have felt deeply injured, by the manner in which I have been treated relative to this subject, by some of my own denomination, from whom I had reason to expect better things. As circumstances and feelings now are, it does appear to me, that you could not do me a greater personal unkindness & occasion me more embarrassment in my work as a minister of the Gospel, than to deliver such an address here at the present

time introduced and attended as you would
probably be. I think also if you were fully ac-
quainted with the state of things here & with the light
in which such a review from you in these circum-
stances would be viewed by your brethren in the
ministry here & by those whose opinions & feelings
you respect, you would not, for your own sake,
consent to perform it. My confidence in you is
my assurance that you will not make any use
of this letter or of my name in your communica-
tions with those of this place who have consulted
you, which can be turned to my disadvantage.

Affectionately yours

M. Badger -

Aug 8th 1833